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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-5, 7, 9-12 and 14, as follows (a marked-up copy of the amendment is provided in the attached Appendix):

A1 3. (Amended) Adhesive tape according to claim 1, wherein the surface mass of fibres of the support is between 80 and 110 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

4. (Amended) Adhesive tape according to claim 1, having a transverse tearing effort of less than 15 N according to the AFERA 4007 method.